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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

RE:

Application of Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. for Approval of New

Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Services

Docket No. 2005-13-W/S, ELS File No. 1015-10306

Dear Mr. Terenni:

As you know, Wyboo has included in its application a request for an order from the Commission authorizing an interim water connection rate during the pendency of this rate proceeding, and subject to certain safeguards to protect Wyboo's customers. The Office of Regulatory Staff and the Wyboo Property Owners Association have objected to Wyboo's request based upon their contention that the Commission may not set such a rate without a hearing.

The ORS and POA objections appear to be based upon a misunderstanding of Wyboo's request. Wyboo is not asking for the Commission to issue an *ex parte* order to set this interim rate. Rather, Wyboo understands that the Commission must hold an evidentiary hearing, and requests that the Commission do so as soon as possible. The issue at the hearing would be limited solely to the request for this interim order. Wyboo agrees with the ORS that it would be inappropriate for the Commission to hold such a hearing before the September 29 deadline for parties to intervene in this proceeding.

I hope this clarifies Wyboo's request.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,

John F. Beach

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cc: Wendy Cartledge, Esquire, Mr. Mark Wrigley, Mr. Joe Maready

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